

A Level Music

Summer Preparation

Task 1

Listen to the following two string quartets:

Haydn – Op.33, No.2 IV Movement *The Joke*

Mozart – String Quartet No.17 *The Hunt*

Compare the similarities and differences between the following:

Melody – how are different melodies used throughout the music?

Texture – Which instrument plays the melody? Is it the same all the way through?

Harmony and Tonality – Look at the use of cadences and modulations. Describe how this is different in the two pieces.

Task 2

Listen to Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* and find a copy of the score on IMSLP. Analyse the use of sonata form by annotating in the different sections (exposition, development and recapitulation). Think about how the different subjects from the exposition are used throughout the piece.

Task 3

Listen to a piece of Jazz Music from the 1920s, and then compare this to a piece of Jazz Music from post-1950. How are the two pieces different? Research how the popularity of jazz music changed during the 20th Century.